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We are authorized to announce
W. T. SEORT
as a candidate for State Senator in the
17th Senatorial District, subject to the
action of the Republican party at its
primary election on August 2, 1919.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
We are authorized to announce
HON. E. BULLOCK
as a candidate for Representative from
the Seventeenth Legislative district, com-
posed of Rockcastle and Laurel counties,
subject to the action of the Republi-
can party at its primary election on
August 2, 1919.

The war is over and the sold-
ier boys are returning. Fathers
and mothers must be up and
doing to make home pleasant and
life happier for each soldier lad.
The boys have caught a broader
vision of things and their ideas
of life are bigger and better.
Their natures now require more
than when they joined the army
and went to camp. If they are
not satisfied here, some other
place they will seek.

Farming must be on a better
and more scientific plane. Bet-
ter stock must be raised and
more of the conveniences of life
be had. Father must join with
his boy in getting a motor vehi-
cle so that they can get about
easier and quicker. To run
these machines better roads must
be built throughout the county.
If the parents expects the boys
to stay in Rockcastle and things
go on as before the war, they
are sadly mistaken and will soon
wake up and find their boys
leaving home to seek more pleas-
ant and comfortable surround-
ings.

What do you say Mr. Farmer
and Mrs. Farmer? Speak up,
Mr. Merchant, Preacher, Lawyer,
and Doctor, for every one of
you are deeply interested in de-
veloping the farms of this county
and keeping the boys at home.

No longer will it be necessary
for anyone to obtain practical
plans for a dwelling from an
architect. The Department of
Labor in Washington will sup-
ply them. The original idea of
this department was to supply
plans and estimates for houses
that soldiers desire to build, mak-
ing no charge for them, but so
well has the plan worked that
Secretary Wilson has issued or-
ders to distribute the drawings to
citizens through chambers of
commerce, civic organizations,
women's clubs and the like, also
requesting that campaigns be
started locally in all sections so
as to help along the great need
for homes. It is estimated that
because of the some two million
homes failed of construction in
the United States during the
past year. The action of the De-
partment of Labor will not only
benefit the discharged service
men by affording the opportunity
to avail themselves of the plans
and estimates for home building,
but will assist the public in gen-
eral to hurry construction on
much-needed buildings, to say
nothing of the saving that will
be made in money.

The Signal respects the law
and believes in obeying it. It
was enacted for that purpose.

Although the law directs that
all nominees of a political party
to be chosen by the people in a pri-
mary to be held on the first Sat-
urday in August, still the Republi-
can bosses are preparing a slate
for the purpose of nominat-
ing that slate as they prepare it.
They have called a State Con-
vention to be held at Lexington on
May 14th. The purpose of this
convention is to horn off all op-
position to the candidates select-
ed by the bosses. This will
leave them in complete control.

The republican bosses are de-
termined to ram down the throats
of the Republican voters of the

state from whom they have chosen
in the back office of some
woul-be boss. This should
turn every self-respecting Re-
publican or Independent voter
against a ticket selected that
way.

The women of the Capitol City
are nobly standing by their gov-
ernment. They are planting
gardens this year of larger size
than ever. Hundreds of them
journey every day to the im-
mense tracts of land located
just outside the city limits and
there don overalls and leggins
plowing and sowing, in order to
reap a bumper crop of vegeta-
bles, that are to be supplied the
public at prices less than those of
the regular market. Success
crowned their efforts last year,
and they will repeat on a greater
scale during the coming months.

When Congress fails to pro-
vide the ways and means, the
citizens of Washington have a
way of taking things in their
own hands. It was an interest-
ing sight to witness the 500 tax
payers take brooms in hand and
sweep the streets of Washington
on the day they had set apart for
the purpose. It was a big task,
but they got away with it, and
all because Congress failed to ap-
propriate money for the purpose.
Washingtonians are proud of
their city and are bound that it
must live up to its reputation for
cleanliness.

ROCKCASTLE STOCK PENS

HAVE FINE OPENING

The Rockcastle Stock Pens
opened last Monday and the first
sale held by this long needed es-
tablishment, far surpassed the
expectations of the most optimis-
tic supporters. The largest
crowd seen in Mt. Vernon since
John Robinson's big circus thirty
years ago, was here Monday.
Some came because of the trophy
train and some because it was
opening day for the stock pens
and those who came principally
because of the trophy train, found
themselves equally interested in
the pens, before they left town.
Between 400 and 500 head of cat-
tle, a fairly good bunch of hogs
and several good mules were on
the market and nothing failed to
sell, except a few head, where the
parties did not really care to sell,
but want to hold them for the
May sale.

Managers W. A. McKenzie and
C. A. Davis, who have leased the
pens for this year, were more
than delighted with the opening.

A number of good buyers from
Garrard and Lincoln counties
were here and our own dealers
were out in full force and effect.

GOOD PENS.

Many of the buyers from else-
where were very complimentary
of the pens and pronounced them
second to none in any of the ad-
joining counties. There is all
the room needed and every con-
venience required. Everything
is being set in motion for a still
bigger and better sale on third
Monday in May. Get your calves,
hogs and mules ready and if you
do not have any get out and get
some. The buyers will be here
and those who have been driving
their stock thirty and forty miles
to find a market, can after only
one sale, tell you the difference
in having a market at home and
going elsewhere to find one.
The difference is money in the
Rockcastle farmers' pocket, who
has any stock to sell.

We did not get a complete list
of all sales made for the reason
that everything was free and no
record was kept by the manage-
ment of the stock pens. The
following are the sales which we
were handed by different parties:
Gus Staverson sold to Ed Sex-
ton 31 head of cattle for \$1,147.
Jeff Holman sold to J. M. Cress
one short yearling which weighed
470 at 11 cts.

George Brown and Charley
McKinney sold to John Ross, of
Lancaster, 11 head of yearlings
at \$27½ and \$28 each.

J. C. Hurst sold a pair of good
mules for \$380.

John Ross, manager of the
Lancaster stock pens, bought
from different parties 27 head.
Brown & Craig, George Robinson,
W. M. Mahan, F. L. Thompson,
A. F. Edwards and Russel Dil-
len, of Garrard County were
among the buyers present and

of the stock at 100 head were
bought by these parties and
driven through to Lancaster.

W. J. Sparks Co., sold nine
good yearlings at 11½ cts, one
cow and calf for \$40 and a bull
for \$100.

HOW DIPHTHERIA IS CONTRACTED.

One often hears the expression,
"My child caught a severe cold
which developed into diphtheria,"
when the truth was that the
cold had simply left the little
one particularly susceptible to
the wandering diphtheria germ.
If your child has a cold when
diphtheria is prevalent you should
take him out of school and keep
him off the street until fully re-
covered, as there is a hundred
times more danger of his taking
diphtheria when he has a cold.
When Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy is given it quickly cures
the cold and lessens the danger
of diphtheria or any other germ
disease being contracted.

THE "GOOD DOG LAW"

Tax Payer Takes Issue
With It.

(Paid Advertisement.)

Quite a lot has been put in our
local papers recently extolling
the merits of the present Dog
Law. The columns of these pa-
pers have been thrown wide
open, to those endorsing the bill,
and the punishment meted out
to him who fails to comply with
the law, have been pictured in
blood red letters, and no doubt
has served its purpose, as practi-
cally every dog seen, has a new
shining tag, dangling from his
collar. I doubt if there is a man
in the state who is not willing
to pay tax on his dog, a reason-
able tax, and I dare say there are
just as many, who believe his
dog should be protected after his
license is paid. Further more,
there is not a man in Kentucky,
but that believes the state should
pay for all sheep killed by dogs,
and pay the assessed value, and
pay it when the claim is proven
and presented.

They believe furthermore, that
the entire dog tax should be ap-
plied to this fund, and the state
make up the deficit. But what
is the use of having an exhorbi-
tant tax on the dog and then
pay 40 per cent or nearly half of
it, to have the law drafted and
placed upon the statutes, and
for collecting the tax. Lets take
for instance, Lincoln County, as
I see she has reported in full.
She has collected \$2,500; 5 per
cent of this was paid to the Com-
missioner of Agriculture, which
amounts to \$125.05. The num-
ber of license issued by County
Clerk was 2099, who received for
every license issued 25 cents.
The assessor received 10 cents
on every license, in this case he
receives \$209. Now of the total
County live stock fund of \$2038,
50 the sum of \$953.00 or 40 per
cent of this total is used to aug-
ment the salary of State and
County Officials instead of being
paid for sheep killed by dogs.
This law also provides that any
surplus remaining after the
sheep claims have been paid
shall go to the School Fund. To
have believed that the School
fund would ever be benefited
by this law would have required
a stretch of the imagination al-
most to the breaking point.

Now taking Lincoln County as
a basis of the 120 counties in the
state, we find she has paid \$125.
05 to the Commissioner of Agri-
culture, but for fear Lincoln's
fund should be larger than the
average County fund we take
\$100 as the basis. Taking this
as a basis the 120 counties would
pay the Commissioner of Agri-
culture \$12,000 annually. With
Lincoln as a basis the County
Clerks of the State would re-
ceive above their salaries \$62,880.
The County Assessors of the
state over and above their sala-
ries would receive \$25,200, mak-
ing a total received by state and
County officials over and above
their salaries \$100,080. This
sum if used to reimburse the
farmers who had sheep killed by
dogs, would pay for 4,000 sheep
valued at \$25.00 each. Now we
leave the reader to judge whether
or not this law was enacted to
encourage the raising of sheep
or for the benefit of the Commis-
sioner, Clerks and Assessors.

With his salary thus increased
one can readily see why the Com-

missioner of Agriculture was so
intensely interested in the pas-
sage of this bill and also the
earnestness with which he im-
presses the County officials of
their duty to enforce this law.

As Lincoln and Garrard Coun-
ties have already settled with
the Commissioner, the Commis-
sioner of Agriculture, the Coun-
ty Clerks and Assessors, we pre-
sume the other Counties of the
State have done the same and yet
a Garrard County farmer a few
weeks ago presented his claim
for sheep killed by dogs, these
sheep being valued a fraction
over \$20.00 per head, and altho
he had paid \$20.00 each for
them three months before, he
was told that \$10.00 was the
limit on grade sheep and he
would have to wait 12 months
for his money, and receive his
prorata of the leaving of the
State and County officials.

Now we have found what the
Commissioner of Agriculture gets
out of this, we have found what
the County Clerks gets out of
this, we have found what the
Assessors get out of this, we have
found what the man who owns
the sheep don't get out of it, and
now we want to ask the Legisla-
tors who passed this law what
they got out of it. They got the
censure of the men who have pre-
sented their sheep claims.

Signed, TAX PAYER.

TO THE FARMERS OF
ROCKCASTLE.

We have more sheep in Rock-
castle county to day than we
have had for years. Last year,
through our sheep campaign,
there was brought in the county
for breeding purposes and ewe
lambs held by the farmers that
were raised in the county more
than 1000 sheep. These ewes
and all of this years crop of
lambs should be kept in the
county for breeding purposes.
Sell the bucks but keep the
ewes. If ewes are sold they
should be sold to Rockcastle
county farmers to be kept in
Rockcastle.

More Live Stock—Sheep, More
Legumes—Sweet Clover, and
More Bees for Rockcastle County.
Robt. F. Spence, Co. Agent.

SHERIFF'S LAND SALE FOR TAXES.

L. J. S. Langford, Sheriff of
Rockcastle County, Kentucky, or
one of my deputies, will on the
20th day of May, 1919, (same be-
ing the first day of the Rockcas-
tle County Court) between the
hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4
o'clock p. m. at the front door
of the court house in Mt. Vernon,
Kentucky, offer for sale to the
highest bidder the following
tract of land, in precinct number
3, in said county and state and
adjoining the lands of James
Taylor to satisfy the tax and cost
for the years 1914, 1915, 1916,
1917 and 1918 listed in the name
of B. C. Richardson's heirs con-
taining eight acres. Total tax
and cost, \$12.98.

TIP LANGFORD,
Sheriff, Rockcastle County.

Well "Armed"!



When company comes
there is no time to
waste—no chances to
be taken—so mother
sees that there is al-
ways a can of

CALUMET BAKING POWDER

on hand. Cakes, pies,
doughnuts, muffins and
all good things to eat
must be dressed up in
their best taste and
looks.

Then, too, her reputa-
tion as a cook must
be upheld—and she
"stakes" it on Calumet
everytime. She knows it
will not disappoint her.
Order a can and have the
"company" kind of bakings
every day.

Calumet contains only such
ingredients as have been
approved officially by the
U. S. Food Authorities.

You save when you buy it.
You save when you use it.

HIGHEST QUALITY
AWARDS

COME ON

I AM READY TO HELP YOU
FEED THE BABIES
AND
HORSES

STOCK COMPLETE AND QUALITY THE BEST
AND PRICE RIGHT

Don't forget I handle
All Purity and Eldean
FLOUR

Every bag with a building guar-
antee. You must be satisfied or
your money back.

I handle Tuxedo Chops
The best Horse and Mule Feed
on the market.

Yours for business,

J. W. RIDER

HORSES AND MULES AT

PUBLIC AUCTION

We will sell at Public Auction in
Mt. Vernon, Ky., 30 head of horses and
mules and

Saturday, April 26th
AT 11 O'CLOCK

This stock was bought direct from
farmers of Boyle, Garrard and Lincoln counties
and is all broke and ready to work. Ages from
2 to 7 years. Will be sold regardless of price.
Any one in need of horses and mules cannot
afford to miss this sale.

Ruble & Benedict